

TRIBUTE TO ATK AMMUNITION  
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**HON. SAM GRAVES**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate ATK and its Lake City Ammunition Plant located near Independence, Missouri, for their efforts in providing the United States Military with high quality ammunition while at the same time reducing their impact on the environment.

This week, the U.S. Army will present Lake City Ammunition Plant with its Secretary of the Army Environment Quality Award for an industrial installation. The Secretary of the Army recognizes the efforts of the Lake City Army Ammunition Plant to improve the environment. The Plant has reduced its hazardous waste generation rate by sixty percent eliminating twenty tons of air emissions per year. At the same time, it has operated in compliance with twenty-five different environmental permits and recycled over fifty-five hundred tons of material.

Through the hard work of nearly eight hundred fifty employees, the Lake City Ammunition Plant has proven that it can continue to be the largest supplier of small caliber ammunition to the United States Department of Defense, while retaining a superb record on the environment.

Again, I congratulate and commend ATK and the employees of Lake City Ammunition Plant for their excellent record on the environment and congratulate them for receiving the Secretary of the Army Environmental Quality Award.

TRIBUTE TO PROFESSOR THERKEL  
STRAEDE

**HON. TOM LANTOS**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, I invite my colleagues today to join me in paying tribute to Professor Therkel Straede, a remarkable scholar who has put together an important exhibition of photographs of the rescue of Danish Jews in 1943. The exhibition shows how the Danish people acted as the keepers of basic human decency and saved almost the entire Jewish community of Denmark. At a time when most of Europe was oppressed by Nazi tyranny, which was the antithesis of humanity, decency, and brotherhood, the Danes showed great humanity despite tremendous personal risk.

Mr. Speaker, since 1995 Dr. Therkel Straede has been a Professor of Modern German History and Holocaust Studies at Odense University in Denmark. During the period 1988–1992 he was a member of a research team at Ruhr-University at Bochum, Germany. There he researched the history of the German automobile company Volkswagen A.G., and the use of forced labor by Volkswagen during the 3rd Reich. He has recorded testimonies of more than a 120 survivors and is producing a monograph on the subject.

Dr. Straede has focused most of his work and studies on the Holocaust, and he is a

founding member of the Danish National Committee for the Counseling of Victims of Nazi German Persecution, Forced Labor and Genocide. He has received scholarships at the Technical University of Berlin (1986) and the Institute for German History in Tel-Aviv (1992). He was a Fulbright visiting researcher at the Georgetown University at the Center for German and European Studies in 1998–99 and an associate scholar of the Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum in 1999. Currently, Dr. Straede is writing a series of articles on a number of German concentration camps for the US Holocaust Memorial Museum's Encyclopedia of Nazi Camps.

The traveling exhibit on the rescue of the Danish Jews, of which Dr. Straede is the curator, has been displayed in more than 100 locations in 27 different countries. On May 2, 2001, it will be on display in the Rotunda of the Russell Senate Office Building. With the help of Project Judaica Foundation Inc., the exhibition will hereafter be on display at a number of locations in the United States.

Mr. Speaker, I urge all of my colleagues to take a moment out of their busy schedules to visit this worthwhile exhibit while it is here in Washington at the Russell Rotunda.

Mr. Speaker, I want to pay tribute to Dr. Therkel Straede for his thorough work on the history of Holocaust, and his diligent documentation of the details of the Nazi use of slave labor. We can all learn a valuable lesson from Dr. Straede's work; even a force of evil as powerful as the Nazi regime can be beaten by dedicated people committed to common human decency. I believe this is best shown in the spontaneous and courageous rescue action of the Danish people in 1943.

TRIBUTE TO MS. LEE REEVES

**HON. MIKE ROGERS**

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. ROGERS. Mr. Speaker, today, I rise to honor the accomplishments of Ms. Lee Reeves of Pinckney, Michigan. Ms. Reeves has recently been named a Women of Distinction by the Girl Scouts of the Huron Valley Council of Ann Arbor, Michigan. This honor is in recognition of her excellence in business ethics and volunteerism. As the current President of the Howell Chamber of Commerce, Ms. Reeves has greatly enhanced the quality and scope of the programs offered to its members. Her work at the Chamber has increased both membership and financial capabilities.

Ms. Reeves leadership abilities have impacted not only the Chamber, but also the community at large. Her community focus is indicated through the initiation of such programs as the "Drug-Free Workplace" and the Howell Public Schools mentor program. Ms. Reeves has also participated in numerous community organizations such as the Livingston County Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition and the Livingston County Child and Family Services Board.

This brief commentary only scratches the surface of the professional and community contributions of Ms. Reeves. Above all else Ms. Lee Reeves is a woman of integrity. Her professional and community leadership dem-

onstrates a personal vision with a societal focus which I respectfully ask my House colleagues to recognize.

HONORING THE LATE FLORIDA  
GOVERNOR LAWTON CHILES AND  
DR. HORACIO AGUIRRE ON BEING  
NAMED RECIPIENTS OF THE  
GREAT FLORIDIAN AWARD

**HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS**

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 1, 2001*

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to offer my heartfelt congratulations to Florida's late Governor and United States Senator Lawton Chiles and Diario Las Americas newspaper publisher Dr. Horacio Aguirre on the occasion of being named recipients of the Great Floridian award. This award, which is presented periodically, symbolizes the everlasting contributions these two individuals have made to the state of Florida. I am proud to stand before this body and honor these two great Floridians.

From the moment he was first elected to the Florida State House of Representatives in 1958, until his untimely death in 1998, Lawton Chiles was a household name in Florida politics. As a boy, Lawton Chiles dreamed of becoming a United States Senator. In 1970, after eight years in the Florida House and four years in the Florida State Senate, his dream came true when he was elected to the first of three consecutive terms in the United States Senate. After deciding not to run for reelection in 1988, Lawton Chiles successfully ran for governor of Florida in 1990, a position he proudly held until 1998. Throughout his career, Governor Chiles represented the people of Florida with honor and conviction. Whether it is providing health insurance for all children or working to restore Florida's Everglades, the work Governor Chiles did, and the programs he supported, made the lives of millions of Floridians better. It is for his hard work and dedication to the issues he cared about, that Governor Chiles is considered by many to be one of the most successful and respected public officials in the later half of the 20th century.

Dr. Horacio Aguirre, co-founder of Miami's oldest Spanish-language newspaper, is one of the most influential Hispanics in Florida. Dr. Aguirre was born in 1925 in New Orleans, Louisiana, to two Nicaraguan parents. In 1950, Dr. Aguirre completed his studies at the University of Panama, where he earned degrees in law and political science. In 1953, with the help of his brother Francisco, Dr. Aguirre founded Diario Las Americas. As the editor and chief editorial writer, Dr. Aguirre has helped shape the views and images of Miami's Spanish-speaking community. He has served as President of the Inter American Press Association, as well as a member of various newspaper and editorial organizations. Today, Diario Las Americas is read by thousands of South Floridians every day. Spanish and non-Spanish speakers alike look to Diario Las Americas for the views and concerns of Miami's Hispanic community.

Mr. Speaker, the people of Florida have benefitted from the actions and accomplishments of the two gentlemen I speak of today.